

Saguache County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Tuesday, February 8, 2011 with the following present:

Sam Pace, Chairman
Mike Spearman, Co-Vice Chair
Linda Joseph, Co-Vice Chair
Wendi Maez, Co-Administrator
Lyn Zimmer, Co-Administrator
Ben Gibbons, County Attorney
Christian Samora, Acting Secretary to the Board

Meeting called to order by Chair Pace at 9:00 A.M.

Additions or Deletions to the Agenda.

Pace moved to approve the agenda as amended. Spearman seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

Reading and approval of minutes of February 1, 2011.

Joseph moved to approve the minutes of February 1, 2011 as amended. Pace seconded motion. The vote was three Ayes.

Review of Mail and other correspondence:

- 1. State of Colorado Land Commissioners** sent a letter in regards to the Sand & Gravel Lease Application GL 3461. (2/1/11)
- 2. Baca Grande POA** sent the Winter Volume 8 Issue 1 2011 Newsletter. (2/4/11)
- 3. SCTI, Brad Jones** sent an invitation to thank Board members with a meal on Wednesday, February 16, 2011 for the support of the Southern Colorado Transmissions Improvements Project. The meal will be from 4-6:00 pm at the Movie Manor in Monte Vista. RSVP at bjones@tristategt.org or call Brad at 303-254-3254. (2/3/11)
- 4. Gini Pingnot** sent an email in request for action on SB 35. (2/4/11)
- 5. Colorado Dept. of Public Health** sent the 2009 Air Quality Data Report. (2/4/11)
- 6. Shauna Ianson** sent an email on behalf of the Baca Grande POA, in regard to the Camino Chamisa Project. (2/4/11)
- 7. Anne Hawthorne Silver** sent an email stating her concerns about the proposed oil and gas drilling in Baca Wildlife Refuge in Crestone. (2/7/11)
- 8. Harry Arnold** sent an email with photos in regard to the Liberty Gate Parking. (2/8/11)

Introduction of Guests: Matie Bell Lakish – Crestone Eagle; Wyling Cambrian; and June Savage.

Commissioners Reports:

Sam Pace reported:

- Feb 2- Brief phone conversation with Randy Etheridge of Tessera solar

- Feb 4 - Attended State Board of Human Services meeting in Denver

Linda Joseph reported:

- Worked on the County comment letter for the latest draft of the Baca Wildlife Refuge Environmental Assessment, submitted February 7.
- Spoke by phone with Art Hutchinson, National Park Service and Shauna Ianson, Baca Grande POA, as they continued work on the Camino Chamisa topic. Sent an email to Rick Basagoitia, Colorado Division of Wildlife, to follow-up on the question of whether that agency might have support to contribute.

Mike Spearman reported:

- Road and Bridge - followed up on the Jones Oil issue. Reviewed the last two years of invoices for Road & Bridge's account with Jones Oil and found that the problem started in February of 2009 when the county sent a check to Jones Oil and the check was not posted in the records at Jones Oil. The error was due to an oversight by both Road & Bridge and Jones Oil.

Wendi Maez & Lyn Zimmer – Co-administrator report:

- Administration – Conservation Trust Fund 2011 requests.
- Conservation Trust request for 2011

Pace moved to approve the 2011 Conservation Trust Fund Requests for 2011 as listed with the exception of the Town of Center request to redevelop the old town hall which will be approved for \$13,221 to balance the budget. Joseph seconded motion. The vote was three Ayes.

1. Saguache County Museum - \$2700 to replace/replenish archival document and picture storage boxes, storage cupboard with double doors for secure storage, sit down worktable with storage shelves beneath, insulate garage with Styrofoam insulation. – All requested ok for funding.
2. Center Recreation Department – \$10,000 to resurface the tennis court in the Center Community Park – ok to fund.
3. SLV Fair – \$5000 to purchase panels – ok to fund.
4. Town of Crestone - \$5000 to repair and transform windows, sand and seal floor and purchase window coverings. All ok to fund.
5. Moffat Consolidated School District - \$10,000 to update and bring preschool playground into compliance. – ok to fund.
6. Town of Center/Center School District - \$10,000 to work jointly on Community Park improvements and maintenance – fund will be utilized to offset expenses and used only for allowable expenses. Expenses are ok for these purposes they just did not supply us with plans and an exact budget for planned expenses.
7. Town of Center - \$13,221 to re-develop the old Town of Center Town Hall (white house) building into a park, they will be putting in a mock pivot water feature, community center, Veteran park, fencing. Ok to fund – just don't have exact figures or budget.
8. Mountain Valley School - \$2800 for landscaping materials including drip irrigation supplies, labor for landscaping installation and summer maintenance, and miscellaneous supplies such as paint. All ok to fund.

- Amendment to Wall, Smith and Bateman – 2011 Auditing Contract for the Saguache County Landfill was approved and signed.

Break

Wendi Maez - Land Use report:

- Tessera Solar Discussion- Tessera Solar will have until the 25th of February to comply with the County's request for funds to continue the public hearing, or the hearing on March 10, 2011 will have to be cancelled.

Ben Gibbons - County Attorney Report:

Pace moved to approve the annual Animal Shelter Services contract with the Rio Grande Animal Shelter. Joseph seconded motion. The vote was three Ayes.

- Discussed the proposed contract with the Rio Grande Animal Shelter.
- Saguache County CORA request policy discussion. The Elected Officials and Departments Heads discussed the CORA request policy during their quarterly meeting. Maez will send the CORA policy to Gibbons for review.

Jim Felmlee - OEM Director report:

- Jan 6 County EM met with Della Vieira to go over CDPHE emergency plan.
- Jan 11 County EM attended Citizen's Corp and Medical Reserve Corp monthly meetings
- Jan 12 –14 County EM attended HSEEP (Homeland Security Exercise Evaluation Program) Training in Colorado Springs.
- County EM met several times in Jan. with Pam Gripp (Baca-Crestone Ambulance director), Scott Alexander (Northern Saguache County Ambulance District ambulance director), Linda Joseph and Sean Caffrey (SEMTAC grant advisor) and discussed ideas for the future of EMS in Saguache County.
- Jan 24 County EM Attended the SLV all hazards committee meeting.
- County EM had 2 phone conversations with Adam Green from Solar Reserve regarding safety and emergency issues with the proposed solar power plant north of Center. There was discussion on safety and emergency plans for the project.
- County EM is continuing discussion with Patricia Gavelda (CDEM) on EMPG grants.

Adjourned for Lunch at 12:00 P. M.

Resumed meeting at 1:00 P. M.

Road and Bridge Report- Randal Arredondo

- Discussed snowplowing on Bonanza Road, as Joseph had received a contact from a concerned citizen.
- R&B purchased a new fuel tank which will allow the county to retain the same tank even if the county were to change to a different fuel company.
- Resolved the discrepancy with the past due amount with Jones Oil.

Joseph moved to adjourn into work session at 1:28 P.M. Spearman seconded motion. The vote was two Ayes.

Work Session

- Discussion of final report from Nancy Lauro, Consultant - Russell Engineering – report on Tessera Solar final 1041 Permit.
- Review of Saguache County 1041 regulations

Respectfully Submitted,

Melinda Myers Secretary to the Board of County Commissioners

Minutes Approved February 15, 2011

Chairman of the Board

Attest

Commissioner

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